Non-availability of copies of Railway Time Table

2557. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whetrer it is a fact that copies of Railway Time Table entitled "Trains at a Glance" are not available due to publication of inadequate copies;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the estimated number of copies which are required to meet the total demand in the country; and

(d) what is the estimated cost of printing charges per copy as worked out by Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) About two lacs.

(d) Being a departmental publication detailed exact costing has not been considered necessary.

Compensation to victims of road accidents

2558. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the claims made for compensation to the injured in road accidents have not been paid fully for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(b) if so, how many of the cases are pending for the years 1986-87 and and 1987-88 for payments of compensation in death/injuries cases in road accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The data regarding pendency of compensation claim cases on All India basis is not maintained. However, the number of cases for compensation pending in Delhi are as follows:—

During	1986-87	7997
During	1987-88	8953

2559. [*Transferred to the 29th August*, 1988].

Demand for new railway station at Nahur

2560. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand for a new railway station at Nahur on the Central Railways' Bombay Suburban Network between Mulund-Bhandup; and

(b) if so, what steps the Railways propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Some representations were received.

(b) Proposal for opening of a halt station between Mulund-Bhandup stations was examined but found not justified.

Demand for passenger train on the Kurla-Refinery Railway line

2561. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand for passenger trains on the Kurla-Refinery Railway line in Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a representation to this effect has recently been received.

(c) It is not feasible to introduce a passenger train as this line is constructed specially for freight traffic and is being intensively utilised.

Construction of a foot over bridge near Vikhroli Railway Station

2562. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand for construction of a foot over Bridge at the Central Railway, Level Crossing near Vikhroli Railway Station at Bombay; and

(b) if so, what action the Railways propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A few representations were received in this regard.

(b) The Railway can take action in the matter only after the Bombay Municipal Corporation sponsor the proposal, duly agreeing to bear its cost, as per rules.

Inclusion of Diphtheria vaccine in Universal Immunisation Programme

2563. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Diphtheria vaccination is part of the Universal Immunisation Programme; if so, what is the number of doses which are to be given up to 1990 and the costs and benefits involved:

(b) whether any serious controlled clinical studies have been made in the country to evaluate the effectiveness of vaccine, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any major significant improvements have been made by our R & D units since this vaccine was first introduced in the country, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether vaccine manufactures in the country compares well with the best available elsewhere in the world; if so, basis for such evaluation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. It is administered in the shape of DPI vaccine under Universal Immunisation Programme. Number of doses required and upto 1990 is as given below:

	Doses in lakhs	Estimated cost (Rs. in lakhs)
1988-89 . . .	180.45	108.00
1989-90 . . .	192.79	115.67

(b) and (c) Little has changed in recent years regarding diptheria toxoid. It is a superb antigen with low toxicity and high effectiveness. Hence, major R&D efforts are not directed towards improvement of this vaccine.

(d) Yes, Sir. CRI, Kasuali is the quality control authority and follows the standards laid down by WHO in this regard.

Regional Seminars on Medicinal Plants

2564. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that five Regional Seminars on Medicinal